

## **INHIBITORS OF CATHEPSIN S**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The present invention provides compounds, compositions and methods for the selective inhibition of cathepsin S. In a preferred aspect, cathepsin S is selectively inhibited in the presence of at least one other cathepsin isozyme (*e.g.*, cathepsin K). The present invention also provides methods for treating a disease state in a subject by selectively inhibiting cathepsin S.

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